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In re Application of:

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For: X-RAY GENERATING APPARATUS,
X-RAY IMAGING APPARATUS, AND
X-RAY INSPECTION SYSTEM

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In response to the Final Office Action dated December 16, 2002 (Paper No. 8), the period for response to which extends through March 16, 2003, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) An X-ray generating apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said cathode current detecting means has a cathode current detecting resistor, connected to said cathode, for detecting said cathode current; and